

Rhode Island Family Court

Administrative Order No. 2020-01

**Suspension of Family Court Calendars from
March 23rd through April 30th, 2020**

In accordance with the administrative and supervisory responsibilities conferred on the Chief Judge of the Family Court under R.I. Gen Laws § 8-10-14 and in light of Executive Order No. 2020-04 issued by the Rhode Island Supreme Court, due to the severe risk of person-to-person transmission of the 2019 novel Coronavirus "COVID-19", which has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization and which has occasioned the declaration of a State of Emergency in the State of Rhode Island, Family Court calendars and appointments are hereby suspended from March 23rd through April 30th, 2020 with the following exceptions:

- restraining order hearings;
- all emergency motions;
- *ex parte* motions;
- hearings in cases previously advertised in the Providence Journal by the Juvenile Clerks' Office;
- probable cause hearings; and,
- drug screenings appointments.

The suspended matters are hereby continued for six (6) weeks from the date originally scheduled. All outstanding orders which by their own terms would have expired on the day the session was originally scheduled are automatically continued in full force and effect for the same six (6) week period.

This Order is effective as of March 17, 2020.

Date:

3/18/20

/s/ Michael B. Forte
Chief Judge